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The Answer of God
TO THE
Why of Communism

AN UNPRECEDENTED PREPARATION FOR THE RULE OF ANTICHRIST

By Miss Margaret Griffith

In recent numbers Miss Griffith, our Prayer Secretary, has given us very illuminating articles on "The Answer of God to the Why of Communism" and we are glad to present this further article from her pen on this subject.

MEN of God, informed as to the present activity behind the scenes in politics, finance, and religion, are fully aware that the rule of affairs is rapidly passing beyond the control of men and, unless God comes upon the stage of action, we face ruin and disaster. Rapid and drastic changes for which we cannot account are upon us. Gigantic overturnings are everywhere. Hitherto nationally accepted and age-long standards of ethics, principles of government, and traditions of ancient religions are being displaced and discarded for the new and untried. Communism has rid Russia of religion, capitalism, and imperialism, and is directly responsible for far more than most realize in the present crisis.

Events in Preparation for the Revival of the Roman Empire

Let us notice unmistakable indications of the revival of Rome. Twenty-two thrones in Europe have exchanged a monarch for a president or a dictator since the War. The national and international spirit in the West grows apace. Fascism rules in Italy, and Mussolini thus far has succeeded in humoring the church while he forges ahead with his program to revive Rome. A common sentiment in Italy is that Rome will return to her former splendor. The "Roma Fascista" proposed the economic and spiritual restoration of France by her annexation to Italy, thus uniting two powerful nations and terming them the Roman Empire rather than the Italian. A block of eight million Romans from the Atlantic to the Mediterranean under the strong arm of Mussolini will solve the acute and obscure problem in Europe, it is thought. Out of ten thousand miles of boundary lines in Europe, six thousand are new. Thus we see the lands are preparing as to territorial divisions, in marvelous ways.

Though Mussolini has granted liberty to Protestantism in Italy, such as she has never before enjoyed, the church of Rome is gaining new ground rapidly in Europe.

The Pope's recent encyclical invites Protestants to return to the Roman Church, upon the condition that they recognize him as the chief shepherd and infallible head of the church and that they pray for help and protection to the Virgin Mary as the Mother of God. Those who are wise know that the present is a God-given opportunity to reap souls in Europe, for Rome may soon close the doors. All her past history would indicate that liberty now is but her diplomacy, as she enlarges her borders; enlarged, liberty may go, as it was in the case of Communism.

With the nations pooling their gold into the world bank, may we not expect the transference of the center of financial power to Europe for the Western world? Has not war in the East brought the sixty-four nations in the League at their Conference in Geneva closer together? As it becomes evident that the nations of the East will no longer tolerate Western domination, will this not tend to rapid development of untouched areas in the West? The cry for a world dictator grows more insistent; Europe has become used to the rule of dictators and is apathetically acquiescent.

Is not this the fulfilment of prophecy? The world seeks a solution for these circumstances, but finds none. Only the man who accepts prophecy can see through the darkness to the perfect day. Like Daniel, he believes that "wisdom and might are His: He changeth the times and the seasons: He removeth kings and setteth up kings: He giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep and secret things: He knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with Him." (Daniel 2: 20–22).

From Daniel's prophecy we learn that the ten toes of the image in Nebuchadnezzar's dream represent the last Gentile world power. These kingdoms arise from what was formerly the old Roman Empire. Rome was the "iron kingdom," but these have a mixture of iron and clay. There are ample manifestations today of the clay, which will not cleave to the iron. The Soviets of Russia have sown seeds of discord, unrest, and class hatred all over the world. They are exerting every effort to influence the working class of the world to overthrow every form of stable government. Practically every nation of the globe is being weakened by the unfixed and incoherent clay. Now, as the old Roman Empire is being resurrected, we can expect to see manifestations of the iron. Mussolini has stated his ambition: "Within five years Rome must become the most wonderful city in the world in the eyes of all the people of the globe. My ideas are clear, my orders precise, and I am sure they will soon be translated into concrete facts. Vast, well-ordered, powerful, as in the days of the first empire of Augustus, Rome must again become the wonder of the world."

Preparation for the Formation of the Northern Confederacy

A book written ten years ago by S. D. Gordon throws much light on the situation in the East. He says that when Germany sued for peace in the World War, peace was not in her heart; for it was then she turned her eyes eastward and not only instigated the revolution in Russia but has been hiding her plans for another world conquest under cover of Communism and radicalism as, with Russia in close alliance, she has vigorously and aggressively promoted this her purpose. Germany may have been forced to this by the allies. However, we are not dealing in personalities, but with facts.

The impending danger of war is not due to any sudden and unexpected world development, but is the inevitable outcome of years of preparation. National, racial, and economic antagonisms, ambitious leaders, undeciphered new Russia, the awakened billions of the East, the vast armies of unemployed and hungry people, science outstripping statesmanship, rapid advance of methods of production while the buying power of three quarters of the earth's population stands still, tariff walls, the burden of excess armaments—all these are contributing factors to another war, but the greatest factor of all is the determination of Germany's stubborn leaders to free themselves from what they regard as an "allied yoke." Therefore, she has made new alliances with Russia and Turkey and faces the East to unite the nations there and antagonize them against the Western world. The combined population of Russia and Germany is about 200,000,000. Mr. Britten Austen, a famous English author, has written in the London Press the following: "The ominous events in China, Morocco, and India apparently are the preliminary stages of an unparalleled war to the death between the white and colored races, with the Pacific as the central battleground. The white man's prestige will disappear when the savage, barbaric millions from Africa and Asia can defy the white man. Moscow's one great reiterated hope is that the innumerable millions of colored races will rise and massacre the white man. They count cunningly on Japan." Robert Dell in *Current History* for January 1926 writes: "The future for all we know may belong to the yellow or even the black races." Who dare say that this is not the spirit that is preparing the nations for Armageddon?

Today over a million hired Mongols hold the line for the Soviets. Twelve of the new young generation are already trained by the Soviets for the time when the day of payment for the world falls due under the plan. Allow an escaped Russian engineer to speak on Russia's preparations to first gather the nations of the East with Germany to herself, and then to come against the West: "I was forced by threat of death to undertake the responsibility of planning and executing engineer works required by the Soviets, but was never given any authority to issue so much as the slightest order. Assigned to this task in 1921, my knowledge of the secret plans for the conquest of the world by Communism began. I have surveyed road and railroad routes which are planned to be the lines of invasion when Russia is ready to strike. I have helped to build the great highways across the Gobi Desert, over which munitions have poured into China. I have worked on the road which leads almost to the border of Afghanistan. This will be the route through Khybar and into India. I know other roads which will carry Red armies into Armenia, Syria, and Arabia, when the Soviet is ready to strike for the Suez. I know of a net work of roads and rail lines which will pour a dozen armies into Poland. I have seen vast munition factories to which no foreign visitors ever come; these factories, where cannon, machine guns, and ammunition are being piled up for the world conquest, are the only efficient factories in Russia."

The plan goes on. The old people must die before the plan can work. The Soviets give to the childhood of the nation their best. The children are the property of the state. They are taught to hate their parents, to hate education outside of Communism, to hate God and the world. They are taught to hate and are trained to fight. Maurice Hindus recently said, "If I were in Russia, I would want to be a child. The adult does not count." And we remain indifferent in the church of Jesus Christ! More serious than all this awful menace is the indifference of the church of Jesus Christ to the menace!

It becomes startling to note that Germany has practically dominated the European situation since the War. Its actions have controlled the exchange markets of the world; the markets control trade; trade controls the world. There is now in operation, through German initiative. the Berlin-Baltic-Volga-Caspian all water route through Russia—by canal, sea and river—through Persia and Asia with boundless trade possibilities. Thus we see Germanty's way of regaining her trade routes lost by the War. S. D. Gordon says: "If one can imagine Chinese man-power armed and trained by Japan, and Russian man-power trained and armed by Germany; if one can imagine an understanding between the two, and remembers the worthlessness of treaties and gentlemen's agreements when in conflict with national ambitions, it may well send the thoughtful man to his knees."

And is not prophecy again being fulfilled? Ezekiel 38 and 39 speaks of a Great Northern Confederacy which is to come into power in the last days. Bible teachers have told us that Magog is Russia, and Gomer with his bands is Germany, and the bands from the East—China, part of India, and other nations linked with them.This will not include the Mohammedan groups, for they are the forces which are headed by the king of the south, which first strike at Palestine to take it from the Jews after they have been forced out of the land. This Moslem group have stated their purpose in no uncertain terms: "The Balfour Declaration means nothing to us. We have never accepted it and never shall accept it. If Jewish immigration is not stopped, we shall organize Moslem immigration into Palestine and see who wins." It is then that the Latin powers will be called upon to hold the land, and thus the conflict is on between the East and the West; but it reaches its climax when this great northern confederacy sees her opportunity to come down upon the land, and opposes the West in the last great conflict. This is the power before which the Western armies go down, and this is the Antichrist power which will be victorious until the personal return of Christ. The King of Kings and Lord of Lords will overcome this northern power and destroy the Antichrist, who by his cunning strategy has gathered all nations against Jerusalem and against God and His Christ.

Most Bible students agree that the Great Tribulation will not begin while the church is on the earth, and that the Antichrist will not be manifested until after the rapture of the church. The great confiict which is termed the Battle of Armageddon comes at the end of the seven-year rule of the Antichrist.

We have noted the avowed and open plan of Germany and Russia for Eastern aggrandizement, striking finally against the West. Already we can surmise that this will not begin by a frontal attack on France, but it is more likely that it will be a backdoor attack through Russia on the French-backed group of the Baltic-Balkan States, and we have plainly in the Scriptures (Jer. 30: 1–7; Ezek. 22: 17–22 as well as 38 and 39) the final moves of these nations. It is said that on the Bolshevik stamp is the picture of the four horsemen of the Apocalypse riding south, the word Gog, and the number 666. Do we need more evidence for the identification of the Great Northern Confederacy? We have noted the developments toward the revival of Rome. If we can already distinguish the beginnings of the final line-up for the conflict at the end of the Great Tribulation, how near, how *very near* must be the rapture of the church?

In the light of these facts, what irony it is to know that American business men have helped forward the five-year plan! Twelve large business firms in America have placed millions into the hands of the Communists in the last years. True, Germany stood back of these long credit loans, and says she cannot pay us further because Russia owes her; but, in the light of all the above, is she not using this as an excuse, once again hiding under cover of Russia? Canada is free of the stain that is upon America. True, business men in America may have had good motives. They believed perhaps what we have often read: "That the bolshevik government is inexperienced and incapable to an extreme degree; it has had its phases of violence and cruelty, but on the whole it is honest. It includes a few individuals of real creative imagination and power who may, if their hands are strengthened, achieve great success. Given generous help, it may succeed in establishing a new social order in Russia with which the rest of the world will be able to deal." Canada has not had diplomatic nor commercial relations with Soviet Russia. America has not recognized that government, but men of wealth in our nation have had commercial relations with her. Are not our hands as a nation therefore stained with the blood of millions of Christians, starving and dying under the persecution of the bolsheviks? And worse still, are we not guilty of destroying the souls of millions of children and youth by the awful blasphemous teaching of the Communists in their schools? What our judgment will be, should the church not awaken and cry to God for repentace and forgiveness, confessing our indifference and sins, remains to be seen.

To the Church of America

"Watch and pray" is God's rule always. The appearing of the striking signs of a predicted event, so far from leading the watchful servant of God to assume that the event will automatically transpire without prayer to God, calls him to more extraordinary engagement in prayer.

War, War, War! Death, Death, Death! Our hearts are filled with horror at the thought of all this bloodshed. And yet, what is physical death in comparison with the death of the soul? "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." "The wages of sin is death." The result of sin is death to the human soul. What does it mean? Herbert Spencer gives as his definition of life the following: "Life is the continual adjustment of the internal relation of an organization to its external environment." Life for the eye is the continual adjustment of the organ in its internal workings to its environment, light. Sever the optic nerve and you cut the eye off from its environment and there is death—no life in the eye. The same is true when the lungs are cut off from air. The fish lives in water, but remove it from its environment and it dies.

Carrying this definition into the realm of the spiritual, we find that the environment of created beings is God. God is necessary to the activity, development, and vital existence of His created beings. Therefore we conclude that the environment of the human soul is God. Man was created of the dust of the earth and God "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." "In Him we live and move and have our being." It was sin which cast Satan out of Heaven. It was sin that drove Adam from the Garden of Eden. Just so, it is sin which severs the human soul from its environment, God. This is death—the death of the soul. There is no life

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In Memoriam

MISS GRACE EDNA MOTT
Died, Warsaw, Poland, April 14, 1932

FROM cable and press reports we have learned of the tragic passing away of Miss Mott, one of our valued workers in Poland. Full particulars will be learned later. In the meantime, we console ourselves in the comfort and hope that the Gospel gives. In soldier life, a man's doings are judged as to whether they took place "in the line of duty" or "outside the line of duty." Miss Mott has been faithful unto death "in the line of duty." She has held not her life dear unto herself or unto the world. May her example of faithfulness and devotion stir our hearts to a deeper devotion and consecration to our Lord and to the task of evangelization!

"He giveth His beloved sleep,
So calm, so undisturbed, so deep;
The haunting fears all past;
With Christ at last;
Their still hands folded on their quiet breast—
They rest!

"Lord! they are Thy beloved and ours!
Our strongest love so weak—Thine strong;
Our human love so blind—
Thine knowing best!
All questions die. This is Thy will fulfilled—
We rest!"

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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By Pastor J. C. Sisemore

WE HAVE come to the last chapter of this wonderful book of Revelation. What blessings have been ours as we have studied it! You will recall that we said, when we first began the study of the book, that we didn't know but that the Lord might come before we finished. Now that we have come to this last chapter, we are more convinced from our study of the book that we are in the end of time.

The River of Water and the Tree of Life

"And He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb."

This is a scene in the heavenly Jerusalem over the earth, the Holy City of God which John saw coming down out of heaven adorned as a bride prepared for her husband. The earthly Jerusalem is also to have a river of water during that coming age. (Ezek. 47: 1) "Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward." Zech. 14: 8 also sets this forth: "And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem." This is a literal river which goes out through the desert and on to the Dead Sea and heals the waters in the Dead Sea. It denotes spiritual blessing, of course.

This river in the Heavenly Jerusalem comes out from the throne of God and of the Lamb. Here we do well to compare Ezek. 47: 12: "And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine." The two statements are very similar. Earthly things are patterned after heavenly things. The tree on the bank of this heavenly river is to bear twelve manner of fruits and yield her fruit every month in the year; and the leaves of the tree will be for the healing of the nations. It is quite likely that the saints in the heavenly city will eat of the fruit of the tree, while the leaves are used for the healing of the nations that dwell on the earth during the kingdom age or millennium. There will not be much sickness and very little dying. A child will die at 100 years of age.

The tree of life here reminds us of Eden. There, after Adam and Eve had sinned, the cherubim were placed to guard the tree of life lest they should eat of it and live forever in their fallen state.

The Seven Eternal Glories of the Redeemed

There shall be no more curse. All will be holy and perfect there. The throne of

God and of the Lamb will be there. His servants shall serve Him. We are not to be inactive in heaven. There will be no burden nor drudgery to this service. In fact, the Christian that really loves God gets more joy out of serving Him here in this world than he does out of anything else. How blessed it will be to see Him! When we have an hour of blessed fellowship with Him in prayer, how blessed it is and how we long to continue with him as Peter did on the Mount of Transfiguration! Up there we shall have no separation forever. "And His name shall be in their foreheads." That denotes ownership and eternal security. "And there shall be no night there." One long eternal day without a shadow. "And they shall reign forever." Just compare this with what the unsaved will have—eternal punishment.

The Angel and His Message

We have come to the end of the prophetic portion of Revelation. The final message of the book is before us.

"Behold, I come quickly." How true it must be now after nearly 2,000 years. Then follows a promise of blessing to every one that keeps the sayings of the book. We are reminded of chapter 1: 3, where a blessing is promised to all who read and all who hear the Revelation read. If we shape our lives to conform to the teachings of this book, there will be many blessings in store for us.

John was going to worship the angel which had brought him this scene in the Revelation, but the angel would not permit it. The angel said, "Worship God." How unselfish that angel was! Would to God that all men of today were like that. There is too much desire on the part of many people to worship the messenger of God rather than God Himself. Since Christ is God, He is to be worshipped, of course.

In verse 10 John is bidden not to seal the prophecy of this book. In Daniel 12: 4 Daniel was told to seal up the vision and shut it up till the time of the end. By comparing these two verses, we have another evidence that we are now in the time of the end. Grace has delayed the fulfilment of the judgments recorded in this book, but God's long suffering will come to an end sometime. In verse 11 there is a faulty translation. It might be rendered something as follows: "He that doeth unrighteously, let him to do unrighteously still." In a sense, character determines destiny. Not that we are saved or lost by our character, but if a man lives to middle life in sin the chances are one hundred to one that he will go into eternity a lost sinner. The man who has been unholy and ungodly and has done wickedly through life will go through eternity in the same manner. He will retain his faculties. His lustful nature will cry out for the old habits of life, such as whiskey drinking, but his lustful desire will not be satisfied through all eternity.

The Rewards

Again we read, "Behold, I come quickly." His reward is with Him. He is to have a reward, it would seem, as well as we. What can His reward be? The answer will be found in Isa. 53: 8–11. "He shall see of the travail of His soul and shall be satisfied." He was cut off out of the land of the living and none could declare His generation. He left no posterity. He had no wife and no child. Yet He is the spiritual Father of untold millions of souls and it will be His eternal reward to have those who have been purchased by His own Blood presented to Him to be His glory throughout eternity.

Then the rewards of the saints are to be given at His coming also. This will probably be at His coming in the clouds, at the rapture of the church as set forth in II Cor. 5: 10.

The Destiny of the Saints

In this verse we also have an unfortunate translation which has been corrected by the Revised Version. It should read, "Blessed are they that wash their robes, that they may have right to the tree of life." No one will have right to the tree of life because of any work he may have done. The gates of the city will only be open to those who have had their robes washed in the Blood of Calvary's Lamb. Salvation by works is not a Bible doctrine.

Christ's Testimony to Himself

"I, Jesus." That is the first time we have seen that name for some time. "I, Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches.' Notice how the name Jesus is linked with the church. This is the first reference we have had to the churches since we left the third chapter. Beginning with the fourth chapter we saw the church caught up, and most of the Revelation from there on to this place has been taken up with the earth, and that is the reason we have had no reference to the church. The name Jesus is His redemption name. "Thou shalt call His name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins." It is natural that this name should again be used in connection with the church.

He is the offspring of David and also his Saviour and Lord. The bright and morning star probably refers to the church. (II Pet. 1: 19) "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the daystar arise in your hearts." This beautiful star rises just before day and is a token of the coming day. The old earth is waiting for its millennial day, when the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in His wings. Before that day comes, Christ will come for His waiting church and that might well be the sign or token of the coming day. Of course, the darkest part of the long night of sin follows the translation of the saints, but the darkest hour is always just before day.

The Spirit and the Bride Answer

After Christ has announced several times the fact that He is coming soon, the Holy Spirit and the Bride, the Church which has been formed by the Spirit (see I Cor. 12: 12, 13), cry out to Him, "Come." The Body of true believers is ready for and anxious for His coming. The church is out of place here and how it will welcome the coming of Jesus! Then follows the statement, "And let him that heareth say, Come." Yes, many are hearing these wonderful prophetic truths today and each of them is also to invite the Lord to come.

The Last Invitation

Here comes the last invitation in the Bible. So far as I know, it may be the last invitation some of you may ever have in this world. "And let him that is athirst come." Yes, every thirsty soul may come to this fountain of life and drink. We read in Isa. 55: 1: "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Yes, thank God, it is free. It is sufficient for any and every thirsty soul. You may drink until you are satisfied, and that without price. You will notice, however, that it is up to you. "Whosoever will." You must make the decision. God never saves the unwilling. He will always save those who are willing to be saved. O, I plead with you unsaved ones, come to this fountain of eternal life and drink.

The Final Warning

How dangerous it is to tamper with the Word of God! God warns against it in these verses. If any man adds to these words, God will add to him the plagues that are described in the book. If any man takes away from this book, God will take away all right to the tree of life. Does that mean that the saved may be lost by changing the Bible? Certainly not. The truly saved will not change this Bible. They wll not add to nor take from. They will not deny its teachings. It just suits them as it is. Only the unsaved will want to tear this Bible to pieces and take out of it any of its teachings. It seems to me that God is saying here that if any one adds to or takes from this book, he forever forfeits his right to become a child of God. How serious this is! Yes, how dangerous it is! Yet many today are meddling with the Word of God and taking away many of its teachings.

The Last Message of the Bible—The Last Prayer

Once more we have the words of the Lord, saying, "Surely I come quickly." This is the last time He has spoken to this earth within nearly 2,000 years. The next time He speaks it will be as He comes in the clouds, with the trump and with the voice of the archangel calling His bride to Himself. How long the Church saints have been waiting for His return! How John's heart must have leaped for joy when he heard again that precious promise, "Surely I come quickly." John shouts back with all his might, "Amen! Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" The first recorded words of man are found in Gen. 3: 10, "I heard thy voice and was afraid." It was Adam speaking. He was afraid because he had sinned and was out of fellowship with God. Between that statement and the one here, comes in the wonderful story of God's redemption.

Probably more hearts and more lips are crying out to Christ to come today than at any previous period of the church's history. With the revival of the study of prophecy, many have learned these truths in the last few years, yes, even in the last few months. As the waiting saints see the night growing darker, they will pray more for His coming, and one of these blessed mornings He is going to hear the call and come. I want to close by referring to verse 15. There is a picture of the unsaved

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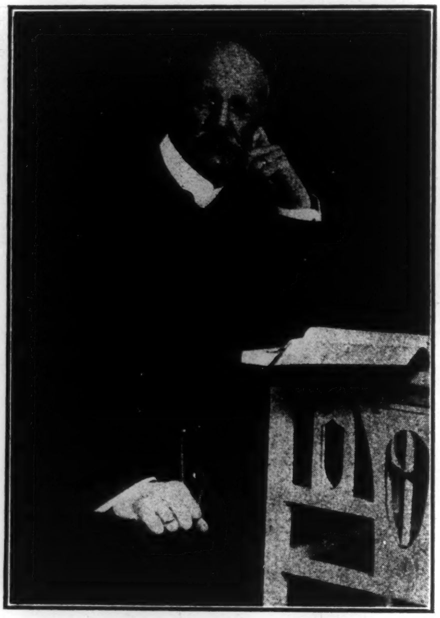
Chosen Amid The Called

(*Matt. 22:14—1 Cor. 1: 26*)

Editorial—Our brother, Alexander Dobrinin, has been privileged in the past to have valuable contributions to his magazine, "Vernost" (Faithfulness), by Count M. M. Korff, a pioneer of the famous evangelical movement in Northern Russia (Petersburg, etc.). Now Brother Dobrinin is especially happy, having just received from this beloved elderly Russian brother, Count Korff, the manuscript containing his autobiography. This very original instructive and historical document of the early Russian evangelical church, written in Russian by Count Korff personally, for the first time, has been given over to "Verenost." However, befor using this material in "Vernost," Brother Dobrinin wishes to share his translation of it with the readers of the European Harvest Field. *Lady Huntingdon, of British nobility, rejoiced that the Scriptures did not say "not any" but rather "not many."*



Count M. M. Korff

I WANT to say something about the boundless mercy and love of God in my life, but I would do this as an unworthy child of God who sees manifested in his life the love of God "which passeth understanding." First of all, I will describe my former worldly position and then I shall speak about my inner spiritual life.

My father was an unusually able statesman, who was appreciated by Czar Nicolai I (1825–1855) and by Alexander II (1855–1881). He occupied the highest state positions and was especially loved by the sovereign, Nicolai I. As an example of the intimate relationship that existed between them, I would relate an event that took place in my early childhood. It happened in 1847, when I was five years old. We were spending the summer in Zarskoye Selo (village of the Czar), near Petersburg. This was the summer residence of Czar Nicolai I. My father was often invited to the palace of the Czar. One day he said to me, "The Czar wishes to become acquainted with you, and I will take you to his palace one of these days." I had never seen the Czar, and my little heart was filled with fear. I was an only son, greatly beloved by my parents. A special velvet shirt was made for me for this occasion, and on the appointed night my father took me to the palace. The Czar had an evening free to be with his family, and when my father and I were ushered into his presence he took me in his arms and carried me through many luxurious halls till we found the Czarina, to whom he said, "This is the son of Korff." She was very affectionate and hospitable. I greatly enjoyed the luxurious fittings of the palace and the kind reception accorded me by those in highest position in the land, and I wanted to stay there. This desire of my childish heart was really fulfilled later on.

I had an exemplary mother, whom I loved and esteemed very highly. I owe her a debt of gratitude because from the tender age of three years she taught me about Jesus Christ—God who came to us in the flesh—and with the help of pictures she made it very real. She always prayed for me and asked God to keep me in His hands. My father was very busy with the affairs of state and we saw him only at lunch time. My mother taught me the church prayers and she stimulated in me the fear of God and inspired in me a love for the Saviour. When I was twelve, she presented me with a New Testament in the old church Slavonic language, for at that time there was no Scripture in the Russian. On this Testament was the following inscription: "To a good son from his mother. Oh God, bless my Modest! Teach him to work always according to Thy holy commandments. Let him learn to fulfil God's will and praise Thy holy name. June 30, 1854."

All of our family were members of the Greek Orthodox church. My father and mother were enthusiastic about this church. I knew the catechism very well, and when I was enrolled in the University, I was given highest marks in this subject. Before attending the University, I had been educated at home. In the University I studied only about two years, it being closed because of political disturbances. After this, I got a state position and was granted the title, "Gentleman of the Emperor" (kamer-younker).

Remaining in the world, I wished nevertheless to be a moral man, useful to my Fatherland, and it was my desire, as an only son, to be a comfort and joy to my parents. With this aim in view, I arranged in my bedroom a special corner for prayers. Here I had many icons, adorned with silver and gold, and in front of them I had a pulpit for reading prayers and the Gospel. Besides this, I put on my desk a human skull, which I had gotten in the hospital, so that I might be constantly reminded of the life hereafter. I was good morally, a virtuous young man. On my penholder there was pictured the crucifixion of Christ. I had this so that I would not write anything that I should not and that I might think only about the crucified Christ. I take the liberty to mention these details in order to show that even in these trifles my aim was good, but by all this a man could not be born again. These things could not give me a knowledge of Christ.

In my state service I was prominent; in society I was loved; but most important for me and for my father was the fact that Czar Alexander II always spoke about me very favorably. The Czar met me many times in my youth and used to say, "I know everything that you are doing and I am satisfied with you." For several days before his death, the Czar inquired of me how I was getting along. Aristocrats and diplomats, having known my close relationship with the Czar, paid me much attention, and I tried to keep up this reputation I had acquired.

Besides other secular pleasures, I was capable of conducting dances, and I loved music very much. At this time I was about twenty. I had a good voice and was recommended to the well known musical authority, Dargomyzsky. He became my teacher and helped to develop my musical ability. Such was the background in the life on which the Lord showed His mercy. A man surrounded by the world, He put me on His narrow way to eternal life.

Almost every night I sang. I was invited to many homes, and life was pleasant. Days were occupied with state work and many philanthropic committees, and with music. I did not forget at this time to visit divine services, and was known as a righteous man. I was acquainted with the highest priesthood, and they were kind to me. I fasted and took part in holy communion, and soon became a zealous member of the church. The old church environment, with its most beautiful singing, had a good reaction upon me. The commendation I received on all sides brought me to a state of self-satisfaction and pride of soul. I felt as though I were ready to be an adornment in the heavenly kingdom. The reader will, of course, understand that my spiritual condition was critical.

Beginning with the year 1867 I received some pretty large funds from Christian people who were unknown to me. These were to be used for the buying of New Testaments to be distributed free according to my discretion. I bought these copies of the Scriptures in the office of the Holy Synod and I sent them out to all people who were desirous of receiving them. This new duty brought me in touch with Lord Radstock, who was one of the friends who sent me the funds, though I was not personally acquainted with him.

Through this distribution of the Scriptures, I became acquainted with a group of Christians who were gathering together at regular intervals for prayer. They invited me to these meetings. It was a new experience for me. We met in the home of Professor Astafjeff, who was a member of the Greek Orthodox church. These meetings were attended by the court physician, Dr. Karel, Baron Mirbach, Professor Zaremba, Director of the Conservatory of Music, and some others whose name I can not recall. This door that was opened to me at this time was an absolutely new one, and it was just when my worldly position was at its highest point. The prayer meetings were small, but they seemed to me like oases in the desert. The reading of God's Word and the sincere prayers strengthened me greatly, but Christ as my personal Saviour I did not know. The meetings reminded me of the gatherings in the homes of the early Christians. I often asked the brethren to pray for me, for I considered myself too unworthy to pray in my own words. I did not miss any of the meetings, but nobody there asked me whether I was saved or not.

In January of 1874 Lord Radstock, who at that time was generally known as an evangelist, came from England to Petersburg. He was the first layman to give evangelical testimony in our country. Some of the ladies of the Russian aristocratic circles had written to him, suggesting that it might not be a good time for him to come to Russia because of strained political relations between England and Russia at that time and warning him that not many people would come to his meetings. Lord Radstock did not let these letters trouble him, however, and to the astonishment of many he came to Russia.

In February of 1874 Lord Radstock began his meetings in Petersburg, in private circles and in the English church. Many rumors were scattered abroad concerning his arrival, and I was informed by some ladies that Lord Radstock desired to make my acquaintance. They knew me as a worldly man and wondered why he should be interested in me, but he knew that I was distributing Scriptures. Soon I was in personal touch with him. I saw in him a real English lord, and at the same time I was deeply impressed with him. For the first time in my life I met a man in high aristocratic circles who was not a theologian and yet had a profound knowledge of the Bible. I saw that he had a pure, hearty, simple trust in God's Word. When he read it to me, I felt that he accepted the Word as though it was a divine letter addressed to him personally and it was very dear to him. I was also deeply impressed with the fact that he had fellowship with Christ Jesus in a simple, child-like way. I was astonished to know that he was not a priest or a professor of theology, but that before me was just an English lord who was convinced that Christ had redeemed him from his sins and had washed him with His divine blood shed on the cross.

At our first meeting he said to me, "I do not need to ask you whether you believe in the divine inspiration of the Bible, for you are distributing God's Word." "Yes," I answered, "I trust in the Bible, but I am not yet acquainted with it." (The whole Bible was translated into Russian and published in 1876, two years after this occurrence.) Then he asked me, "Are you sure that you are saved?" I hesitated and then replied, "I hope that I shall be saved. I shall know about this in heaven but not here on earth." Lord Radstock was astonished at this answer, for he had expected me to reply in the affirmative. He then said, "To whom is God's Word given, to those in heaven or those on earth?" "To those on earth, of course," I replied. I could not answer otherwise, but in my heart I was frightened at the discovery that I did not know whether or not I was saved. Up to that time, none of the priests or pastors had put this question to me, and I myself had not thought of it. Lord Radstock continued, "You are hoping that you will be saved in heaven, but in your hope I see some doubt. You have no assurance that you will be saved." The conversation continued for a long time. I can not remember any of the other details of the talk, but these main points became fixed in my mind.

This interview gave me a great desire to get a clearer comprehension of his ideas. I visited him often in order to hear more of the Bible. At that time I was reading only the four Gospels. Lord Radstock always indicated to me those passages of Scripture from which I could get assurance of my salvation as the gift of God. He stimulated me to read the Bible, and I have been thankful to Him for this all my life. Having followed his leading in the selection of my Scripture reading, I came to the conviction that Jesus Christ had redeemed even me, but it was not easy to receive this assurance in my heart. It was hard to give up my worldly self. A drunkard finds an obstacle to regeneration in whiskey, but in the hearts of men of our class it is self, and I understand the meaning of Matthew 11: 12, with the thought that the kingdom of heaven is taken by force. I experienced this in the first days of my conversion. I had to struggle against Satanic powers. I was in fear of men and had no power to decide according to my belief. In this condition I approached the day when I was obliged to make a definite decision.

I had not yet been brave enough to invite Lord Radstock to my home, for by doing so I would have shown my sympathy toward his activity. Lord Radstock never said anything against any church, but invited people to come to Christ only. At last I decided to invite him to my home and to have a meeting there for the friends with whom I was associated in daily life. My friends came, both men and women, and filled the house. Lord Radstock spoke very strongly and clearly. After the meeting, I invited my most intimate friends to remain for a more personal interview with Lord Radstock. I told them frankly that I was having a great inner struggle; that I saw now from God's Word that I could be saved only by the redeeming Blood of Christ and that to accept this gift of God and be sure of my salvation I must give my heart to Jesus Christ. For this step, however, I told them I could find no strength in me and I therefore asked their prayers that I might be enabled to abandon myself to God.

We knelt, and Lord Radstock prayed for me first, followed by others. I could not open my lips. Satan tormented me in order to prevent the fulfilling of God's will. I can never forget the temptation at this time. Many other temptations are forgotten, but this particular one remains clear in my memory. He said to me, "You must first of all prepare yourself. You are in a state of excitement and religious ecstacy. You must get quiet. You are under the hypnotic power of Lord Radstock. If you decide to take this step, you will later repent of having done so. You have always been an obedient son to your parents, like a sun in their lives, and now you will cause them grief. And what will the Emperor say, who has so high an opinion of you? After all, your many friends will leave you. You enjoy the society of educated people, but by this decision all of this will be lost. You will become an apostate and will be banished to the monastery." Satan, as an angel of light, showed at this time his masterpiece in the way of temptation.

When my friends had finished praying, I was compelled to ask them to continue. I soon saw light for the first time and the question stood out before me, "Where is the truth?" The answer was given by Christ Himself, "I am the truth." At this moment it was revealed to me that in Christ and His Word is the truth and that I could fully commit myself to Him. The Lord gave me a portion of His Word: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10: 9). At last I was able to surrender my heart to the Saviour. I opened my mouth in the spirit of prayer and said to Him, "I surrender myself to Thee fully and completely." This was my first prayer. It seemed then as though a heavy stone had rolled off my shoulder. I experienced all the joy of the new birth from above and at the same time assurance of my salvation. All this is beyond our human understanding, but the Holy Spirit testifies to the faithfulness of God.

When we got up from our knees, my joy was unspeakable and I was moved to greet all the brethren and dear Lord Radstock with a holy kiss. Lord Radstock was really a spiritual father to me, for he brought me to the only mediator between God and man, Jesus Christ my Saviour. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature" (II Cor. 5: 17). This word caused joyful thanksgiving in my heart, but at the same time I was absolutely quiet. My conscience and spirit were at rest. From this day on it was clear to me that my good works and my own efforts to do God's will could not take the place of the redeeming sacrifice of Christ as God's Lamb. Only when we give our hearts to Jesus Christ can our immortal souls receive forgiveness of sins throught he Blood of Christ and reach the state of constant abiding in Christ.

God willing, I shall begin my ninetieth year in July. With joy I leave these memoirs about my conversion, hoping that this narrative will help some reader to decide to surrender his heart to the Saviour, Jesus Christ.

"Making Jesus Lord assures the victory, for then all depends on Him."

Growth of the Bible Class in Cernosice

GROUP IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA (DR. EWKE IN CENTER)

By Dr. James Ewke

(*Concluded*)

AT ONE time we had a student visitor in our Bible Class who seemed very attentive. We felt that the Word of God was making an impression on his heart, and I rejoiced. One occasion he sought a private conversation with me and asked the question, "Could you not give me a prescription for something that would make me ill?" I opened my eyes wide in astonishment and asked him, "Do you mean to tell me that you wish to become sick?" "Yes," he replied, "it is necessary for me to be somewhat ill for two or three days. I must have a high temperature. I am about to take my final examination and I am not prepared for it as yet. My wife is very nervous and insists that I should take it by all means. I have tried to persuade her otherwise, but without success. The only thing left for me to do is to become ill, and then everything will work out all right. I feel sure that you, as a Christian, will be good enough to grant my request."

I explained to him that I had been studying for some years in order to help people to get well and that I had not learned the means to make people ill. He went away disappointed and I think he felt that we were not sincere Christians, because we preach love and yet were not willing to help him out of his dilemma. After this he disappeared from our group.

I mention this case in order to give you a general idea of a spiritual work among people who wander from place to place and from country to country. Sometimes a preacher conducts meetings in a large center where many immigrants come and attend the meetings. They are enthusiastic and many of them weep. The work seems to be very effective, but I am compelled to say that such work has some resemblance to a skyrocket. The situation remains unchanged after the meetings are over. What I have in mind is a regular and careful work among immigrants, where I can mingle with the people and have personal contact with them.

We had another visitor, whose position was a very hard one. He had been deprived of a scholarship which had been given him by the government and he was without work. He was in a state of great anxiety and he shared his grief with me and asked me to pray for him. I willingly agreed and we knelt down together and I told the Lord about his needs. Then we had a friendly talk. After a few days he got a job, but then he discontinued visiting us. Sometimes I meet him now and invite him to our Bible Class, but he always politely refuses, giving some excuse. It troubles me as I think about the folks who have visited us and I wonder what has become of them.

I remember an incident which took place in our Christian Student Circle in Odessa. A young woman came to our meeting, looking very sorrowful. After the meeting we talked with her, and then she disappeared and returned no more. Many years passed. Our Student Circle in that city had broken up because of persecution on the part of the authorities. Some of the former members of our Circle were working in different congregations of believers. In one of these meetings of

Christians this girl appeared again, and we learned that she had learned the way of faith and had already suffered persecution because of her testimony. This news was encouraging to our faith, and we learned that nothing disappears when it is left in the hands of God. I think that the same may occur among immigrants. Our Bible Class in Cernosice is a very small one, but it is of considerable importance when we remember that it is the only place where evangelical nets are being cast. If some fish elude these nets, we trust they will be met with the same kind of nets in Paris, Berlin, America, etc.

There are fewer immigrants in Czechoslovakia than formerly. Nevertheless, we have some who visit us regularly. They are few in number, but their souls are drawing nearer to God and in their darkness they are seeking light. We have serious souls sitting at the feet of Jesus.

FOR PRAYER GROUPS

By Margaret M. Griffith

(*Prayer Secretary*)

THE Christian women of Louisville, Ky., and Nashville and Chattanooga, Tenn., have heard the call to prayer and are responding. In each of these cities, as they have been convinced that present events in Europe and Russia are the fulfilment of prophecy, and as they have learned how well prepared and how far advanced is Russia's program for uniting the nations of the East in the Great Northern Confederacy against the West and our civilization, they have felt an overwhelming urgency to prayer. What force without prayer can save the childhood and youth of Russia from atheism? What but prayer will restrain the invisible forces of darkness which are behind the efforts in our own beloved land to blight the youth with atheism? A united plan directed from Moscow can be restrained in no other way! What but prayer will hold these forces from crossing the purposes of God and hindering the completion of the Body of Christ?

God is calling His children to sacrificial intercession. Future events foretold in the Word of God ought not to put us to sleep when we see them coming to pass. Many have been saying, "This is prophesied and there is nothing for me to do." We would write large the statement of a man of God which gives God's principle of cooperation with man in all He has done. God could have worked without us for the salvation of mankind, but He has chosen us to be workers together with Him. We quote the statement: "The appearing of the striking signs of a predicted event, so far from leading the watchful servant of God to assume that the event will *automatically transpire without prayer to God, call him to more extraordinary engagement in prayer*."

Miss Louisa Vaughan in her book, *Answered or Unanswered*, has demonstrated the truth of the words of Scriptures that the salvation of souls is the work of the Spirit of God, and we are only the channels of the Holy Sprit of God as we become yielded instruments in His hands. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

Her life and work was the inspiration of a book on prayer which has been widely used. The author has put one thousand of these at our disposal. The proceeds are to go into our field for the work of evangelization. You can not find a more practical book to assist in forming a Prayer Group. The beauty of the book is that each chapter takes you to the Word of God. Many times we have been asked for just such a book to help with Prayer Groups. This is the book. We shall be glad to mail it to you upon the receipt of fifty cents. The ground of prayer, the battle or warfare in prayer, the enemy we face in aggressive prayer, and the Victor as well as the victory we have in Jesus Christ, are put in a simple and forceful, as well as practical, form in this book. If you can put some of these into the hands of women who will form Prayer Groups, send for five or ten copies. God will use them, we are sure. Ask for the book on "Prayer" by Nancy A. Allen. You can send us the receipts as you sell them.

"Be turning!
Thou mayst be lost, despite God's love for thee!
Thy soul may wander whence 'twill ne'er return;
Thy eyes grow blinder if the feet keep straying;
The heart grow harder that is not obeying.
O turn thee, whilst thou hast the will to turn!
And love God's light, while God's love lets it burn!
Be turning!"

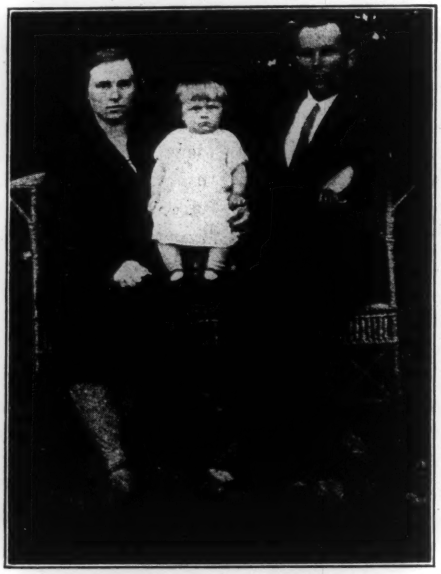
The Two Great Needs On Our Polish Field

By John Gordiuk

Mlynow, Poland,
Feb. 19, 1932

DEAR PASTOR HOGG:

Excuse me, please, that I could not reply to your letter sooner. I was on a journey with one brother about three weeks, visiting sixteen churches and covering about 220 kilometers. The Lord enabled us, by His grace, to bear witness of His love to His children and to unsaved people. Our work was done mostly among believers, who asked us to solve different problems in their church and personal life.



JOHN GORDIUK AND FAMILY

Last month we had two days' Conference in Mlynow in our new hall. A few hundred people were present and God blessed us abundantly. He had enabled us to put the floor in the hall shortly before Christmas, and from that time on many people have come to our meetings to hear God's Word and some of them have found salvation in Jesus Christ. We ask all our dear friends to pray with us for these precious souls, who need God's grace to lead a Christian life daily, and also for the unsaved who come to hear the Word of God.

Now I would like to describe to you the condition of God's field in Poland, at least in that part which is called Wolyn, where I work. Let me go back a few years for the beginning of my story. The Great War, which brought so much sorrow and trouble to the whole world, brought one great good—people heard the Word of God who had never heard it before. The moving of millions of men from one place to another helped to bring this about. The great material distress also caused many to think about God who had never thought about Him before. Some heard the Word in trenches, some found Him in prison, some were saved by being moved from one place to another. In this way, a great religious awakening took place in our country. After that came the Revolution, which opened the eyes of many. Now the material crisis is forcing people to seek salvation, not in wise men but in the wisdom of God. In the last twelve years, thousands of souls have found salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ. This is true of the part of Poland which is populated by Ukrainian and white Russian people. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." (Psa. 126:3)

In the beginning, Satan tried to stop the new movement by persecution at the hands of blinded and ignorant people, but the fire of God flamed brighter and brighter. The universal distress forced the people to think more and to seek a higher aim in life. Therefore, it is no wonder that when one or two evangelists came to a village in which there were no believers, the people very quickly filled the house and even the courtyard, wishing to hear the "new teaching." In most of the villages, the Greek Orthodox or Roman Catholic priests, with the help of the police and their own faithful followers, hindered the preaching of the Gospel, but the very methods of their opposition revealed to many their faults. Souls thirsting after the truth were disillusioned, and eagerly absorbed spiritual truth. Praise the Lord! "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." The seed of God bore fruit. Those who found their Saviour bore testimony to it in word and life.

The Lord has done great things, but the greater part of the work must be done in the future. In the majority of the villages there are no believers; in most of the towns no evangelical meetings are being held. *There is great need of workers.* The constant prayer of God's children here is the one found in Matthew 9:38: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into His harvest." That is the first need.

The second need is greater. Satan, seeing his defeat, changed his tactics, and the roaring lion became an angel of light. He began to sow the tares of Russellism, Adventism, Pentecostalism, etc., among the wheat. There are very many believers who are mere babes in Christ. Most of the preachers never read through the Bible, and therefore the spiritual growth of the believers is very slow. One can always hear a Gospel sermon in a meeting, but very seldom is it an edifying one. There are some meetings for searching of the Scriptures, but without God-given teachers of the Word there is very little profit to believers. In short, we feel the *great need of Spirit-filled teachers of the Word.*

The young vineyard is in many places spoiled by false teachings. Many unstable souls go back into the world. It is pitiful to see people perishing in their sins, but it is even more pitiful to see God's vineyard corroded by foxes. Through a shallow knowledge of the Word, there arise discords among believers in the same church, as well as discords among different churches. Besides that, many churches have gone into formalism because of the lack of a deeper knowledge of the living Word. There are many church organizations with complicated administration, which give much attention to outside details (which are pleasing to the flesh) but care very little for an inside knowledge of the will of God, the very substance of spiritual life. In many cases, the different church leaders, hostile among themselves, strive to "monopolize" the grace of God and hold it in the frame of their own organization or denomination. All this has a very bad influence upon the spiritual growth of believers and upon the preaching of the Gospel. There are very few wholly consecrated laborers on this field, who work for the glory of God alone and not for the glory of their own particular group or organization. It seems that the words of Paul—"For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's"—can be applied now more than ever before.

We often hear that there is great need of evangelists for bearing the Word of God to unsaved people, but very seldom do we hear mentioned the need of spiritual education of believers, as though the need of human souls ended with believing or baptism. Some preachers write and speak about so many souls being converted (though very often that conversion consists of the lifting of the hand at the call of the preacher in the meeting) but who speaks or writes about the falling away of such converts? The believing youth endeavors to do something for the Lord, but without deepening in the living source of life, his spiritual strength is exhausted in a short time. Sunday Schools exist in many churches, but their level is very low and many believing parents have unbelieving children.

There is indeed very great need in this part of the Lord's field, but, praise the Lord, "He knoweth them that are His." More and more His children come to the understanding of their dependence upon Him and their responsibility to Him. Many preachers of the Gospel realize the necessity of seeking more power for their spiritual life—sanctification through the Word of God. The apparent spiritual stagnation incites many to pray for an awakening among believers. For that "latter rain" our earth is thirsting. The Lord has opened the spiritual eyes of some of the workers in His vineyard, so that they are willing to leave the noisy market methods of work and quietly take heed unto themselves and unto the doctrine. (See I Tim. 4:16.)

Thus you see that we have two great needs of faithful workers on the Lord's harvest field. We ask you to pray for this field in Poland. The doors are open. The Gospel is being given in many towns and villages and many souls are being converted. We must "redeem the time," helping the unsaved to find their Saviour, and the children of God to be faithful until death (Psa. 115:1).

Yours in the Master's service,

JOHN GORDIUK.

When I get up in the morning I get a crumb of a text and meditate thereon. By the time I am dressed it has become the size of a loaf.

HENRY DYER.

Reviving Amid Difficulties

By K. Jaroszuk

THE Lord is blessing our labor in this great region. Of course we are having some difficulties and hardships from time to time, for out "adversary the devil, as a roaring lion walketh about, seeking whom he may devour," but our Lord gives us victory over him. We are holding meetings in different places, and many people are attending them.

We recently held meetings in the town of Yezernice, 18 miles from Luniniec. It was very cold and was snowing, with a strong wind blowing, when I started there on foot early in the morning. When I got there at 10 o'clock, I found a house full of people waiting for the opening of the meeting. Some of these people had come from towns and villages fifteen to twenty miles distant. Some of them came the day before and stayed all night. They were all glad to see me coming. After the opening of the service, more people came—believers and visitors. The house was crowded. During the service all were quiet and listened with great attention to what was read and spoken.

After the sermon, we observed the Lord's Supper in remembrance of our Lord's death (I Cor. 11: 23-34). We all rejoiced together and it was hard to separate. But I had to dismiss the meeting, as I was informed of several sick people, physically and spiritually, in different places waiting for me to visit them. I had to spend eight days in this region, walking from town to town and from village to village, visiting and holding meetings. Some of our people live in far-away lonely woods and are unable to come to our meetings often. I try to visit them, encouraging them to be true to the Lord Jesus Christ. The journey was hard and difficult, but the blessing was great.

When I came to the town of Mokrovo, where many of our church members live, I was told that the police would not allow the brethren to hold meetings. The Lord helped me to arrange it and we held three blessed meetings there, which, in spite of hard freezing and severe cold wind, were all full of people. Most of the attendants were young people and small boys and girls. Nineteen of these young souls promised to serve Christ. Part of one service we gave to our young people, and they testified of their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, quoted from the Word of God, sang, and recited good spiritual poetry.

The interest everywhere is great. Many people are asking for tracts and New Testaments. Most of them, on account of the awful business depression in Poland, can not afford to buy a New Testament, and I am sorry that I myself cannot help them in this need. Please pray for us and our work here.

During the year 1931 we had great blessing in this remote place in the midst of great swamps. The people here are very poor and are almost all illiterate. We baptized 66 souls during the year, and many people are seeking the Lord. On the other hand, Satan is doing his best to hinder this revival. The death of our son greatly affected the health of my wife, who almost died as a result of it. Her treatment was a heavy financial burden to me, and I was also unable to work for the Lord as much as I wished. With the help of the Lord, however, I did not give up in despair. Some people came in purposely to disturb the work of the Lord and they have gotten some people away from the faith. In addition to this, the priesthood influenced the local authorities to demand that we have special church buildings. Meetings in the private home of peasants are forbidden, with threatenings that we will be punished if we do not comply with this order.

It is very necessary that we build three houses of worship, but we need money for this and have no place to get it. The people are so poor that some of them are starving, even among our own brethren. Instead of appealing to these people for help, we are obliged to help them. In spite of all this, we were able to collect enough money to buy a lot and the timber for one meeting house, but we have not been able to do anything about the other two much needed halls. To build the first house of the material on hand and to erect two more, we need a minimum of $500. Thanks to the general crisis, we can get buildings much cheaper than we could a year ago.

Souls are thirsting to hear God's Word and we are gathering together in a secret way in order not to be persecuted. Recently in a certain village there has been a great revival, though we have some difficulties created by Satan. Many people are undergoing persecution for their belief. Even children in the schools are oppressed by the Greek Orthodox priesthood, many of them being beaten for belief in the Gospel. They are not upset by this, however, but are bearing everything patiently with joy, in the name of Jesus. They ask me to stay with them longer, or to visit them oftener. I should like to be there more frequently, but the distance of twenty miles is not so easy to cover when we have severe frost and deep snow. For this I need warm clothing and good shoes, and for the railroad fare I need means. I have none of these, and therefore I cannot visit them as often as necessary I must wait for warm weather.

February 26–28 I visited another district, Vorsyn, to which I had been invited. A brother took me in his cart. When we arrived at the place we had no time to warm ourselves, as the people began coming at once. With God's help, we had wonderful meetings every night up to 12 o'clock and even until two in the morning. The people rejoiced to hear God's Word. There were many questions put to us, and we were able to give satisfactory answers out of the Scriptures. When we returned, I caught a cold from exposure and was compelled to be in bed for a day. I am on my feet again but not normal as yet. When spring comes, I shall greatly need a bicycle to get to distant places and thus make visiting more possible. Please remember me in your prayers. I Peter 4: 19; Eph. 6: 19.

EVANGELIZATION HELPED BY OPPOSITION

By Andrew Myczka

I HEREBY express my hearty thanks for the gift you sent me, which was accepted as from the Lord. It came just in time, and in this I see the miraculous care of God. Our prayers have been heard again, and our hearts go out in thanksgiving to you also for the part you are taking in this work among perishing souls in Poland.

As you may know, the ground for evangelization is particularly hard among the Polish Roman Catholics, where the government is influenced to a certain extent by the Roman Catholic church. Yet the Lord is mighty, and of late has sent an awakening even into the midst of this nation. Many, many souls have opened their hearts and the doors of their homes for the Gospel of Christ. I hope that Brother Gitlin, who happens to be my spiritual father, as well as my tutor since 1922, has already written to you about this work.

The hall where our evangelistic meetings are held has a capacity for 120, but it is too small to accommodate all the visitors. Many are requesting that we should visit them at their homes. Every evening we arrange for public conversations and meetings in private homes. A good brother who works in the government offices, disregarding fatigue after a day's work, often accompanies me to these private homes for the preaching of the Gospel. The people listen to the Word of God with humility and beg of us to visit them more frequently. Some people from the provinces are also asking us to visit them, but alas, shortage of time and means does not always permit us to satisfy their requests.

In Warsaw I have, by the help of God, organized a Sunday School, which is frequented regularly by 70 children. The number of children is increasing steadily, even though the Roman Catholic priests undertake various opposing means. The Lord often turns their wrath to His glory. For instance, in all the schools of our neighborhood the children were warned not to attend our meetings or our Sunday School. Many of the children who had not known anything about our Sunday School up to that time, became interested and commenced coming. Their parents also became interested in knowing what this "new faith" might be. Praise the Lord for His wonderful work among the sons of men!

We pray that the Lord Himself shall carry on His work in us and through us, for His eternal praise and the salvation of perishing souls. We pray also that He may lead you to continue to have a share in the work among the multitudes of perishing people in Poland. I beg you to pray for us.

You need grace, not in spite of your weakness, but because of it; and you may have grace, not in spite of its costliness, but because of it. You need the grace of salvation because you are utterly unable to save your soul. You need God's grace for holiness, because you are utterly unable to transform your life. —*Archibishop Harrington Lees.*

Does Tract Work Pay?

By Charles Lukesh

ALL that know, agree that it does, even though only eternity may reveal it. However, we are glad that even here some good results can be seen. We will quote from a few of the many letters we receive along this line:

From Northern Germany: "We greet you heartily and thank you for the tracts sent. If possible, send us more tracts. We have distributed these among the Czechs and have even sent some to B——, where there is a Czech teacher who loves to give them to his pupils. He says that the people read them with pleasure. As soon as possible we will send you something again for postage. The works here have closed and my husband and others have lost their jobs. They have been working only three days a week for a long time. Thus far the Lord has helped, and He will help us further. If you can, please send us more tracts. We implore you to send them if you have them."

This woman in her previous letter described the distribution of the tracts at the main entrance to the factory. Some received them gladly, while others would start a discussion. The more they talked against them, the more the people gathered around to get some. They also gave out these tracts in the hospital, as well as some Gospels, and were given a welcome there. The appreciation of the people is shown by their contributions for postage, people out of work giving a dime or so until a dollar and a quarter was made up. Of course this is appreciated, coming in this spirit of sacrifice, but it does not meet the postage for even one sending. Will some one help to send the message to them?

A colonel on pension in this country thanks us for the continued sending of the tracts and asks for more.

From the capital of Karpato-Russia comes a request for a Czech Bible free, from an emergency post-office worker, who says he enjoys reading our paper.

In jail: "I use your tracts in the work among the prisoners and notice that they have a good influence over them. Do persevere in publishing them."

From an unemployed person: "Please be so kind as to send me some tracts. I want to help to awaken the Czech people. I am unemployed and have no money, but when I shall have earned some I will send you a part. I have been a believer for three years and I want to work in the vineyard of the Lord wherever possible. I have read some of your tracts and they are very fine and helpful in awakening the people."

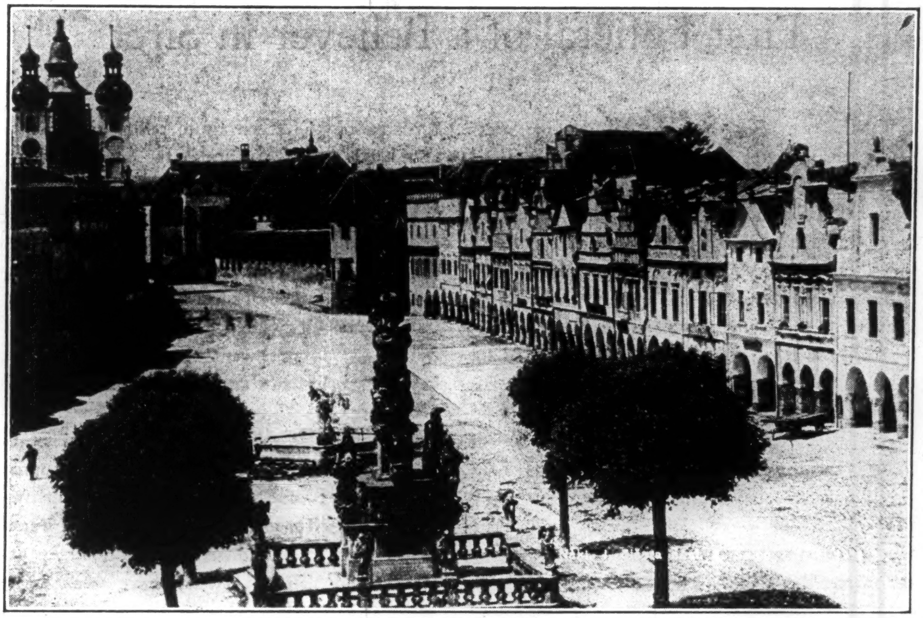
From a farmer: "A brother loaned me the fine leaflet, *The Way of Truth*, in which I find much necessary instruction, especially in these serious times in which we are living. I would beg you to send these papers to me also, beginning with the first number. I will send you something."

From a distance of a thousand miles comes a request for information as to where they can go to hear messages such as are contained in our paper, *The Way of Truth.*

A begger sends 15 cents for a Bible: "I was cheered by your *Way of Truth*, for it seemed to me that there was no more truth on the earth. I have been longing for a Bible for ten years and would give all my money to own one . . . Do not think, honored sir, that I am making a fool of you and want by some crook to get a Bible from you and then dishonor and make fun of the book, like the communists and atheists. The request comes from a sincere heart. I am sending you fifteen cents."

From the capital city of Slovakia: "In tract No. 45 I read that you will be so kind as to furnish a Bible free to the poor. I therefore ask you most heartily for one. I am a poor student. In my studies I am depending on the help of God, which He gives me through kind people. I would like to walk according to His truth, and therefore would like to read His book that I may acquire knowledge for the way of life. I hope that you will fill this respectful request."

Yes, we will do so gladly if we are able, for we would be only too happy to send the message of salvation to this and other seeking souls. Please do pray with us that it will be possible. Had not some one brought the message to us, we would still be heathen.



A Town in Czechoslovakia

We have taken a new venture of faith, having begun a bimonthly edition of 3,000 of a twelve-page paper, especially for sending under the newspaper rate. It contains two current numbers. It is being sent to post office employes, public school teachers, etc., and is called *Our Glorious Hope.*

Our regular tract edition is 20,000 to 40,000 monthly. Thus we have been privileged to print and distribute over a million tracts in about four years. We praise the Lord for His enabling in this work. We have devoted our all to the cause, and now, having come to the end of our own resources, we must count on help from others in order to keep on spreading the gospel message. The harder people are touched by outward circumstances, the more willing they are to listen to the message of life. Shall we neglect this opportunity and fail to hear the call?

It is as those who are associated with the ever blessed and highly-exalted Christ that believers are partakers of the gifts and graces of the Holy Ghost; and, moreover, it is as they walk in habitual nearness to Him, that they either enjoy or emit the fragrance thereof. C. H. Mackinstosh.

Faithful stewardship, like all other true conduct based upon the love of Jesus Christ, will make us more capable of a larger possession of the life and the glory of God hereafter.

—*Dr. Alexander Maclaren.*

RUSSIANS IN AUSTRALIA

BROTHER S. DUDARKO, representative of the Russian colony in Australia, writes us: "We are again experiencing drought. All the rivers have dried up. There is no grass, and everything round about is black and somber. The inhabitants are groaning because of unemployment. Now, in January, we are in the midst of our summer. It is so hot that in an hour an egg is cooked by the heat of the sun. In Southern Australia there are large forest fires. Millions of acres of woods are on fire, and this fire is sweeping everything in its way. We think that the Lord is at the door and the hour is near when God's trumpet will sound and then the great Judge will come. Although we are in very poor condition materially, our evangelical meetings are being continued. We also have Sunday-School, and the children are rejoicing."

First Funeral of a Believer in Siret

By R. W. Hill

SOME years ago a believer died in Siret, Roumania, and I was called by telegraph to come to Siret to conduct his funeral. Some two years before his death I had sent two young believers to open work here. One of their first fruits had a brother, who was a believer, dying from consumption. I visited him on my first visit to Siret, and he asked me to conduct his funeral when the Lord called him home, which I promised to do.

Upon arriving at Siret, at three o'clock in the morning, I was met by three believers who conducted me to a small hotel. I disrobed and went to bed, for I had been riding all night, without sleep. I was sleeping soundly when I was roused by a knock on the door. There were those three brethren who had met me in the morning. "What's the matter?" I asked. They said they could not get a grave. I jumped up and we went off to the City Hall. I stated the case to the official in charge and asked him what we were to do with the body. He gave one of the brethren a note to the Catholic priest, telling him to give a grave in the Catholic cemetery. The priest complied, under protest, even telegraphing to the Ministry in Bucharest. That did not help him, however. I went back to the hotel and lay down again, dozing off, as I was completely worn out. All of a sudden it seemed to me some one was trying to break the door down. I jumped up and found my three brethren trying to wake me up. "What's up?" I asked again. "The grave-digger refuses to dig the grave. He is afraid of the people." Off we went to the City Hall again. The official said, "What's the matter now?" I told him. He said, "I will send a policeman to the cemetery." Back I went to the hotel to try to get a little more rest. In about another hour back came my friends and informed me that the grave had been dug, but the people had come and had filled it up again. Off I went again to the official, who went up himself with two more policemen to the cemetery.

In the meantime bands of people were running around town yelling that they were going to kill me and if the man was buried in their cemetery they would dig the body up. Presently my friends appeared on the scene again, telling me that the undertaker refused to furnish the hearse, although he had been paid in advance. Off I started to see him. Fortunately, I met him on the street. He said to me, "Dear sir, if I let you have my hearse, the people will either break it all up or I will lose my trade, for all the people here are either Roman Catholic or Orthodox." I said to him, "My friend, we do not want to ruin your business. Pay the money back and we will take care of the body."

The official at the City Hall requested me not to preach at the grave, as it might cause an uproar. I told him I would not cause any disturbance. Then he asked me how many policemen I wanted at the funeral. I told him we did not need any. He insisted that we should have some for my personal protection. I told him, "Well, if you insist, you may send one policeman."

The funeral was to take place at three, so about two o'clock I started to leave the hotel. The proprietress, a Jewess, begged me not to go alone. I laughed at her and told her, "My God is able to protect me from any mob." So off I started across the town square. It was black with people. They looked at me with vicious looks, but not one sound came from them. Having arrived at the house, I found the street full, the yard and house full, and the adjoining yards full of people. There must have been at least a thousand, and one solitary policeman. He looked quite uncomfortable, but I smiled at him and told him everything would be all right, that he should stay near me and I would take care of him.

As the house was full and very small, I had the coffin carried out to the yard and placed on trestles. I called on the Baptist choir to sing. After that we prayed, and then I talked to those hungry souls for thirty minutes. Then we picked out eight strong young men and put the coffin on the shoulders of four of them, keeping the other four to relieve them. The choir was placed in front of the coffin, the relatives behind, and the rest of us followed.

At every street crossing the people streamed after us. I was told afterwards that it was the largest funeral ever seen in Siret. We walked more than two miles, the crowd continually growing until we arrived at the cemetery. A conservative estimate of the crowd was three thousand. We entered the cemetery. The choir sang, I folded my hands and prayed in the German language for thirty minutes, the choir sang again, and a young brother then prayed in the Ruthenian language. Then the choir sang again, and another brother prayed in the Roumanian language. Another prayer was said, and the body of our deceased brother was committed to the ground.

After all was over, the City Hall official said to me, "Well, you said you would not preach, but that was the finest sermon I ever heard." Praise God for that! ! ! The next day a number of Jews came to the hotel and thanked me for what I had said at the grave. The most successful bookseller in the town asked me where he could get Bibles in a hurry as he had had calls for more than a dozen copies of that book from which I had read. Souls were brought to Him as a result of this funeral. To Him be all the praise and glory! His Word does not come back void.

JOY IN LYSKOW

By D. Prystupa

I WISH to tell you about the joy we have had here in Lyskow. Brother Moses Gitlin and his friends, Isaac Sofer and L. Kolikov, were here with me and we had a series of very blessed revival meetings, with a very good attendance. These brethren spent about a month here in our region and their ministry was blessed of God.

I have learned to love Mr. Gitlin since I first met him in Philadelphia a long time ago. He is a good and untiring worker for the Lord, and is an example in word and life. May the Lord give us more such workers in Poland! They were a great blessing to us here in Lyskow and throughout all our region.

We have now great revivals going on, especially in some towns of our large region. In the town of Sobolki the people are divided in their opinion. One-half of the town is willing to accept the Gospel; the other half is against it. The Russian Greek Orthodox clergy are doing all they can in order to keep the people from being interested in the Gospel truth, but they are unable to do it. They are still proving that they are the enemies of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. They avoid meeting us in the open because they know that they are ignorant of the Gospel truth and are unable to prove to us that we are wrong and they are right. Their life is not according to the teaching of the Word of God. They are certainly like those to whom the Lord spoke in Matthew 23:13. When they see that the people accept Christ and get saved in spite of their protests, then they appeal to the government, telling them wrong stories about us and asking them not to permit us to hold Gospel meetings. But thank the Lord for the victory He gives us. The Lord said, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." So we may be quite sure that the victory is ours.

D. Prystupa

The people now in many places do not pay much attention to these leaders and want to hear the Gospel truth. They beg us to come to them and preach the Gospel. There is so much work everywhere that it is altogether impossible to fill all the places. The field is surely great, but the laborers are few.

We are very busy here in Poland, especially in winter, when all the people are at home and do not have much to do. We can hold meetings in private homes on any evening at all. It is true that it is very inconvenient to hold meetings in those small huts, sitting for long hours surrounded by a crowd. Sometimes we hold such meetings from 6 to 7 o'clock at night until 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning, having the room lighted only with a kerosene lamp. But though the labor is hard, the blessing is rich. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." (Psalm 126:5, 6)

We wish to express our most sincere thanks to all our friends of the Fellowship and the Fort Morgan Church in Colorado, who pray for us and help us in the work we are doing for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

STETTLER'S TRACT MINISTRY

AT THE present time of writing, there are about one hundred thousand Polish gospel tracts in print and ten thousand Yiddish Gospels of Luke. About half of the Ukrainian tracts that were reported in one of my recent letters have been sent out. Today one thousand copies of "Jesus is Coming" in the Polish tongue have been brought into our stock, and shipment may commence any day. Just now about twenty-five translations into the Polish are being made of selected gospel tracts, and as soon as God provides means they are to be printed and shipped. One of our newspapers carries with every church announcement an evangelistic Scripture text without comment. It is printed above or below every page in heavy letters and finds its way to thousands of people who would never read the Bible or visit a mission, and after all, the Word of God is the essence of all truth and has power to save. We make mention of these details because we solicit the sincere and earnest intercession of the saints everywhere, and more especially those who have the salvation of men and women in Poland at heart.

While thousands are walking the streets hunting a job, our work has increased so that we often work into the late hours of the night to catch up with the demands. Many of the believers go out distributing Gospels and tracts, because people have much time to read. One of the churches in Lodz has set thirty of its members to work by canvassing different sections of the city with gospel literature. They have already come for ten thousand tracts in addition to a multitude of Gospels. We praise God for these unpaid missionaries. If only all the churches would get busy for the Lord! The result is increased attendance, fervent testimony meetings, and increased prayer and intercession at the prayer meetings. Here and there contacts are made and souls are being saved.

Recently we were called to see a young lady who lost her mind after making her examinations for the University. Too high education, an overstrain of the nerves, and the collapse was inevitable. Who knew but perhaps there was too little of the wisdom of God which maketh wise unto salvation and which resulteth in peace and tranquillity? Is it not of the devil to degrade a well-cultured and educated personality to use the foulest and most wicked language there might be found? The call came, "Come! Pray! Help! Rebuke the demon!"

Then there came a telegram calling me to make haste and come to a funeral of a mother who had left six children, the oldest still going to school. There I was to comfort the sorrowing and preach the gospel to saints and sinners in the home and at the open grave.

Mrs. Stettler has been teaching her regular Bible class for servant girls. Most of these girls are believers from the country. Very often they walk the streets without friends to whom they may tell their joys and troubles. In this class they find a sympathetic friend and sister in the Lord, who not only teaches them the Word of God but counsels them from time to time. The prayer circle, too, affords ample opportunity for prayer where one may pray for the other. In this wise they are being encouraged for their daily task and kept from doubtful connections.

I am sure there is no need to say that we are constantly standing in the need of prayer. Some have written us that they daily pray for us. Others have sent us tracts and pamphlets, many of which have been translated into German or Polish. Still others have helped us by sending us Christian magazines, and we are happy for all these tokens of love. Again, there are many who have not written much, or any at all, but they have sent their means toward one purpose or another. Yea, we thank God for those saints who do not discontinue their missionary giving when banks close their doors and Mr. Despair and Mr. Gloom join hands and haunt the world with hunger.

Russian Magazine Ministry

ALEXANDER DOBRININ edits a splendid spiritual monthly called *Vernost*, which means "Faithfulness." At present 2000 copies are printed, but urgent need for many more exists if the expense would be forthcoming.

There are about 2,000,000 Russian refugees in some thirty different countries. In Manchuria, in the Harbin district, there are about 100,000, and it would be ministry of far reaching value if 500 copies could be sent there. In France there are about 400,000 Russian refugees.

The life of the Russian people has been shattered and torn, following the revolution. The universal unemployment problem has been hard on the Russian refugees, as they are everywhere foreigners. Even if they secure work the pay is very small, as for instance, in Poland, after a hard day's work, a Russian worker receives but fifteen cents. Is it any wonder they cannot subscribe for the paper save at great sacrifice?

Vernost is filled with deep spiritual material both for the unsaved and for believers. The magazine is considered as one of the best of its kind in Russia. Through its pages sinners are being converted, Russian Evangelical churches are being established and consolidated, while individual believers here and there are being led into deeper appreciation of Gospel grace and Bible revelation

Many Russian contributors, fine and gifted Christians, are sacrificially working for *Vernost* free of charge. Funds are sorely needed to sustain and extend the ministry of the paper. Heart rending petitions pour in, giving requests for the magazine. They state that the sufferings and hardships are only intensified if they have no enlightenment, comfort and encouragement, such as is brought by papers like *Vernost*.

Won't you pray that God may constrain His children to do all they can to sustain this worthwhile ministry? Think of what it means to have no literature such as we enjoy in abundance. Ignorance is the breeding place for doubt, sin and radical atheistic teaching. Surely strong, sane and scriptural teaching as given in *Vernost*, is the antidote. Herewith are given a few responses from readers telling of blessing derived through the paper:

K. Novik, Argentina—"In the name of our church, I bring you hearty thanks for *Vernost*. Its valuable spiritual articles strengthen weak believers."

J. Burgudge, Brazil—"From the bottom of my heart I thank God for *Vernost*. It is like healing balsam. Every number I reread several times and give to others to read."

I. Korsokoff, Canada—"Occasionally my friends have given *Vernost* to me for examination. I have read it and thanked the Lord that there are still some of His children who bravely struggle against evil. We await your magazine with impatience."

S. I. Lipen, China—"With impatience we waited for the last numbers of *Vernost*. I read it with joy. Such a magazine ought to be in every home. I like it for its honest policy, its simplicity in Christ, its serious spirit, as well as for its appearance. Send us extra copies—we have many poor among us."

M. Konsmenko, France—"The world-wide depression is great, but without *Vernost* there will be a more dangerous crisis than the economical one."

I. M., General of General Staff of the Former Russian Imperial Army. "I heard about *Vernost* and have read your magazine. Your adherents are sending it to me regularly. I greet you eagerly as guards of purity of faith in Christ, as preachers of high moral standards. You inspire to noble action."

P. Koreu, Uruguay. "Continue to send this precious magazine, *Vernost*, to me. I find in it much help and instruction. It is the only Russian magazine that helps us understand the Scriptures correctly."

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"I have had several children guests recently and was made very glad when one of them, a very intelligent boy, accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour the day before yesterday. One of the small boys, who has been coming to the Sunday School regularly here at Radost, also accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour at the same time. Mr. Joffe, Mr. Wilkinson's man here, was instrumental in bringing both boys to the point of confession. So we do see fruits, praise God!"

—JEAN RHODE, Poland.

Conditions in Manchuria During the War

(Translated from the Russian)

BROTHER S. E. LIPEN, a member of Brother Badantseff's church and a fellow-worker with him, wrote us the following from Harbin, Manchuria, under date of March 12: "The 26th of January saw the beginning of actual battles, and shooting of cannon was heard both day and night. At this time the inhabitants of the suburbs began to move to the central parts of the city, and round about the city appeared disorganized Chinese soldiers robbing the people. The Chinese authorities had not established martial law, but the citizens, after sunset, carefully closed the doors and windows of their homes. Traffic discontinued automatically. Although the people were not forbidden to work by night, yet the streets were empty and Harbin changed into a war camp. On the streets were placed cannons directed toward the Chinese soldiers of the new régime and the Japanese who were approaching to attack the town. In some places cannons were put into the yards of the houses and even within the houses, pointed through the windows. Japanese establishments within the city were fortified. Machine guns also were put in the homes.

"With the beginning of actual warfare, most of the religious meetings in Harbin were closed, for there was danger that soldiers would come in to rob the worshipers. We were also in danger from explosion of bombs. Unbelievers were greatly frightened, but in our church of evangelical Christians the services did not discontinue. We had meetings regularly, only we began our meetings an hour earlier than usual. We arranged this in order to give our worshipers who lived far away a chance to attend our meetings before it became late, for they were obliged to pass intrenchments and lines of soldiers. Our meetings at this time were visited only by believers—people from the outside did not meet with us.

"On the eve of the conquest of the city by the Japanese, Thursday, the 4th of February, our meeting began as usual at 5 P. M. Round about was shooting of cannon, some bombs fell in private houses, bullets whistled everywhere, and bombs thrown by airplanes exploded. The noise from the cannon was so great that it drowned out our singing. It was difficult to preach under these conditions. We had to wait some minutes and then raise our voices in order that we might be heard. The believers prayed very earnestly. Our windows were shaken. At this time two women ran into our meeting. They were trying to save their lives from bombs and bullets. They lived on the same street, opposite our Gospel Hall. They said they were not afraid as long as they were with us. At the close of our meeting, they asked us to permit them to remain in our Gospel Hall, and so unbelievers are sometimes saved with believers.

"Our Gospel Hall is situated in that section of the town which underwent two very severe attacks by the Japanese. One block distant from us there was shooting of cannon. When we came out, we were shot at and bullets flew near our ears. I walked with Brother Badantseff and some other members of the church. We decided to keep close to the walls of the houses. It was necessary for Brother Badantseff to cross the street. I warned him of the danger, but he said, "I do not fear. The Lord will keep me," and he rushed across the street. I stopped and watched them. The Lord kept Brother Badantseff and the others with him. I had to walk much farther. All of us were kept from harm except one brother, a member of the church, who before the meeting had been slightly wounded in the right arm and had come to the church in this condition.

"Early in the morning of the 5th of February, the retreat of the army of the old Chinese régime began. There was extreme disorder everywhere. I was curious enough to carefully watch the retreat of the army, and I saw many killed and wounded. From these conditions I learned some spiritual lessons with respect to the struggle of believers with Satan. At noon of February 5th, advance bands of the Japanese came into Harbin, and then the living conditions became more quiet and peaceful.

"The Japanese are very brave. Some people think that they are somehow connected with ancient Rome. They have many of the same features as the Romans. They consider it a sweet and honorable thing to die for the Fatherland. I know of one thrilling case. In February, 1932, three Japanese soldiers from the army of Gen. Simamoto fastened explosives around their bodies and rushed into the lines of the enemy, blowing up some intrenchments. They voluntarily gave up their lives in the three tremendous explosions that took place. The Japanese troops, following these three heroes, rushed in with joyful shouts of victo y. It is a good illustration of how we should be ready to sacrifice ourselves for the sake of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

"Since the 1st of March our Manchuria has been independent, and on the 9th of March Pu-ti became the ruler of the Manchurian-Mongolian state and will be crowned shortly. The West is inclined to republics, but the East prefer emperors.

"The work of our Harbin church of Russian evangelical Christians is going along normally. We are so thankful for the support which you give to our Brother Badantseff. We often remember you in our prayers."

EXTRACT FROM THE MAGAZINE "GODLESS"

"Studying the work of sectarian organizations, we discover that these deceivers of Christianity possess great power. In Nikolayevsky Province sectarians are working intensely, especially among young people. The recent disagreements between Evangelical Christians and Baptists are forgotten. They have sent out missionaries from the center to several districts. They are traveling one by one and even in groups. Recently certain well known organizers have come here, and also an instructor of singing. We must not rest in our struggle with the sectarian movement. By all the means in our power we must hunt out these capitalistic agents."

WITH OUR PRAYER SECRETARY

It is with joy and deep gratitude to God that we can relate His blessings in the work of Miss Griffith. In Louisville it was her privilege to live in a hospital for four weeks, to have chapel each morning with the nurses at 6:30, and to visit the patients of the hospital. A Prayer Group of twelve nurses has been formed there, meeting regularly on Friday.

Numbers of young people surrendered to Christ, and others found Christ as their Saviour, in the meetings held in that city. Doors were opened and God blessed. Especially do we praise God that a group of Christian women are taking the first Thursday of the month as a day of fasting and prayer for the work of the Fellowship in Europe and Russia.

God is blessing in Chattanooga also. Perhaps in no other city do they have the Bible taught as a text-book in the public schools by teachers who know Jesus Christ as their Saviour. What an opportunity it was to come before the thousands of young people in the schools with a message of how current events in Russia are a fulfilment ofprophecy —all leading up and preparing for Christ's return and the setting up of His kingdom on the earth, after the short seven-year reign of the Antichrist! Engagements three and five a day are coming in. Pray God will use Miss Griffith to win souls and bring Christians to prayer.

LETTERS FROM SUFFERING RUSSIAN CHRISTIANS

From Siberia: "Last night I was under examination. It was a terrible night, but the Lord gave me victory. It is really true that the Lord keeps His children and when we are in an emergency He takes care of us. I am not suffering from hunger now. My health is very poor, but I am able to be on my feet. News about the brethren is a great comfort to me. I have met many different classes of people here—many murderers—but most of them are peasants. Generally, murderers and thieves are sentenced to a year of exile, but after two months they are freed and are given good positions. They can walk free, but we are kept in prison. Pray very earnestly for us, because many of us are perishing here, not only physically but also morally. We are surrounded by people who use very bad language. Some time ago a man became insane—I could see how it happened."

From Central Russia: "I am in despair as I write this letter. These last weeks have been specially hard. Winter has passed, but now we face starvation and it is a question whether we can stand this. I should like so much to work to the limit of my strength in order to earn something, but there is no work. Sometimes I have earned for my whole family about 15 pounds of flour and 100 grams of sugar, but even this is impossible now. It looks as though we must nourish ourselves with the bark of trees—many are doing this."

From Siberia: "I have received the parcel and and I am so thankful. (It rarely happens that the banished succeed in receiving parcels.) Here, in this far away place, we must almost die of starvation. Many of our group have already died for lack of food. We were separated from our families and sent here. Both they and we are under observation. We can not take one step without being watched, but God is great! We do not know what will become of us. They can not send me anything from my home because my dear ones are starving also."

From a Russian prison a sister writes: "I am in prison where there are fifty women and girls in one room. All of them are suffering because of their trust in the Lord."

From a Russian refugee: "My wife tried for five months to escape from her persecutors. My son-in-law was taken by the G. P. U. (secret police), and then my daughter and her child were taken, too. After all this, my wife also was taken prisoner. All of them are far separated one from the other, and they do not know each other's fate. Under such conditions my wife became ill, and in this state she was sentenced to five years of banishment in the Archangel District. My daughter, too, has been sentenced. My son-in-law also was sentenced, but he disappeared. Their only guilt is that they are relatives of me, a preacher.

"I must say that the Lord does not make any mistakes. Perhaps my dear ones will die as martyrs. I can still praise my Lord, for I know that my dearly beloved are heavenly citizens. Pray for them and for me."

From the widow of a Christian worker in Russia: "Your last parcel I received, with greatest thanks. (This parcel was sent from the needy fund of the American European Fellowship.) I am so grateful to the Lord and to you, my friends. You do not forget me and my fatherless children. Life becomes more and more complicated, being specially difficult for me with my large family. It is a comfort to me to know that the hearts of God's saints are sympathetic.

"If it is possible to send me something more, please send me bacon, butter, and a little sugar. The Lord keep you!"

Note.—We are in a position where it would be possible to send parcels regularly to this particular widow, though in most cases this is impossible.

EASTER SERVICES IN LATVIA

By Arthur Bluhm

AT THIS season of Feasts, we had abundant opportunity to witness of the Lord's great salvation and of the risen Saviour. In Latvia we celebrate both Thursday and Good Friday by holding meetings. On Saturday night we had a prayer meeting. On Easter we started our first meeting at half past five in the morning. The next was at 10 A. M., the children's Sunday School at 2 P. M., and at 4 P. M. the large Gospel meeting. The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt. People confessed their sins and greatly rejoiced in the fact that the risen Lord is able to save the vilest sinner.

On Easter Monday we had two meetings also. The second one was packed so full of people that not another one could enter the door. When I gave the invitation, a woman came and confessed her sins who had been a vile sinner in this town for more than twenty years. I trust that the great Conqueror, who overcame hell and death, has put down her name in the Book of Life.

Please pray for us that the Lord might give us a larger hall. Keep also in mind the motorcycle, and He who has taught us to pray the Lord of the harvest that He might send forth more laborers into His harvest, will provide. The whole congregation sends greetings.

OUR LOVE TO GOD

The love of God on our part is the result of the knowledge of His love revealed and brought home to our hearts by the Holy Ghost. "We love Him because He first loved us," wrote St. John, the very apostle of love. In proportion to our realization of His love does our love to Him glow in our hearts and manifest itself in our lives. It is a reflection of the Divine love. It consumes what is impure, unholy, and selfish in us. Bishop Handley Moule.

Spiritual Letter from a Banished Christian

(Translated from the Russian)

PSALM 16: 6, 8, 3. I greet you cordially, in the love of our dear Lord, who is so near to me. I have experienced much, but my happiness and joy are only that He is in me and I in Him. We are not deprived of heavenly gladness or joy by filthy surroundings, severe winter storms, or dampness of the northern autumn.

Please believe me that I have nothing to write about my personal life, but I should like to share with you the inner experiences of my soul, and I wish to ask your prayers. Many of our dear brethren and sisters have died here. They passed into eternity, leaving us wonderful examples of faith, but some believers are still with me under the yoke, which is sent to us by the mercy of the Lord. The Heavenly Father had only one Son, who never knew sin, and that only Son suffered. In the 23rd Psalm, David speaks about a cup prepared for Christians, but preceding this cup there was the valley of the shadow of death, with its terrible conditions. Only after we have passed through the shadow of Calvary's cross can we realize the presence of the Lord. Only then will we have the table of the Lord prepared for us and our heads will be anointed.

We can not clearly see the height which can be reached with the help of the Lord, which is possible only for conquerors. In order to be conquerors, however, there must be something conquered, the result of struggling. The Lord wishes not only to "cover" the surface of our sins, but His will is to cleanse us from all unrighteousness and to deliver us from the unmerciful laws of sin, which is still living in our old nature. It is the aim of Christ to present every man perfect in Him, and such a pure and holy life, one of personal fellowship with our Lord, is the highest blessing of the true believer.

The time of our pompous and joyful Christianity is past, and our *own* "service" to God is ended. We can not now be in exaltation of outward spirit. That is past, as a dream, as brilliant, earthly hopes. I think that perhaps in the lives of many of us it was only external. I understand more fully now that righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost must be possessed by our *inner* man. The life surrendered to God has never been easy and never will be. The life of comfortable Christianity and the life given to the Lord—these are opposite one to the other. It is a pity that not many believers are willing to accept such a life. The law of the flesh must be submitted to the golden law of spiritual liberty.

A young man once said, "It is my aim to take a brush and to picture on the canvas the wonderful face of Christ." But the artist answered, "It is a little thing to take a brush. It is necessary to touch the canvas with a brush 10,000 times, and then your dream will be realized." It is a marvelous thing to "take the brush"—to believe—but that is not all. We also must touch the canvas 10,000 times in actual spiritual experience and efforts, and then we shall see Christ. We must not forget that everything worth while in life is attained through difficulty. We would quote our Russian poet: "The darker the night, the brighter the stars; the deeper the sorrow, the nearer to God." To learn to know Christ we need years; in fact, all our life we must ceaselessly study our Saviour. We must be free from everyday trifles and vanities. We have a proverb, "The road to hell is paved with good intentions." We may have many good intentions, but we need something more. "The kingdom of God is taken by force." Persistent effort is required and realized, by God's grace.

There are some sins which cannot be cleansed or blotted out, even by the Blood of Christ—those awful sins from which we do not wish to be separated. The sin is cleansed by the sacrifice of Christ—that has been done already—but there is another side. A man must *desire* that his flesh life should be rooted out. When we surrender ourselves completely to God, the ground on which we stand will be made safe.

Good-bye. Pray for us and don't forget us in our desolate state. We live in the same place, and so my address is correct. My health is good. I shall be very glad to get your letter, giving me news about you, but please take this letter to heart.

ANSWER OF GOD TO THE WAY OF COMMUNISM

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for the soul of man outside of God. Drummond says, "Life is correspondence with environment." If the correspondence between the eye and light, or between the lungs and air, or between any organism and its environment is once severed, there is no power in the eye, or lungs, or organism that can reach out to its environment and renew correspondence. Just so, when sin severs the human soul from God, there is no power within to reach out and find God. Sin breaks the correspondence of the soul with God. Sin separates from God.

No wonder that these men who deny God are planning death and destruction. Their environment is death, and we know from the Word that the source of their energy and wisdom is in him who has the power of death, that is, the devil. In what darkness they are! They need life, and this life is in Jesus Christ for them. Jesus Christ died for them. In His infinite being He not only comprehended the sins of all mankind, as he drank to the dregs of that cup in Gethsemane; but on the Cross, when He cried out, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" He entered into death, the death of the soul for all men. He, the matchless Son of God, went voluntarily into separation from God. He cut Himself off from God and tasted death—the death of the soul—for all who will believe in Him. He was separated from God that all who come to Him may never be. He has released the prisoners from the darkness of death and brought "life and immortality to light through the Gospel." He is waiting for the church to take this wonderful message to those who "sit in darkness and in the shadow of death," ready to pass out into eternal darkness and death. They have been delivered by His blood! He has tasted death for every man! Believe it, Christian, believe it, and many shall yet find release, relief, and rest in Him through the precious blood of Jesus Christ. These lines are written with the prayer that they may be used of God to call the church to her knees.

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

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They are outside and are classed as dogs, idolaters, sorcerers, whoremongers, and liars. They are unbelievers who have rejected, neglected, put off, and refused Christ's salvation. As we near the time of His coming, and with the last invitation in the Bible ringing in your ears, will you not come to Christ tonight?

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."

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